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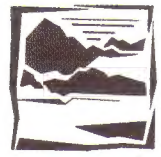
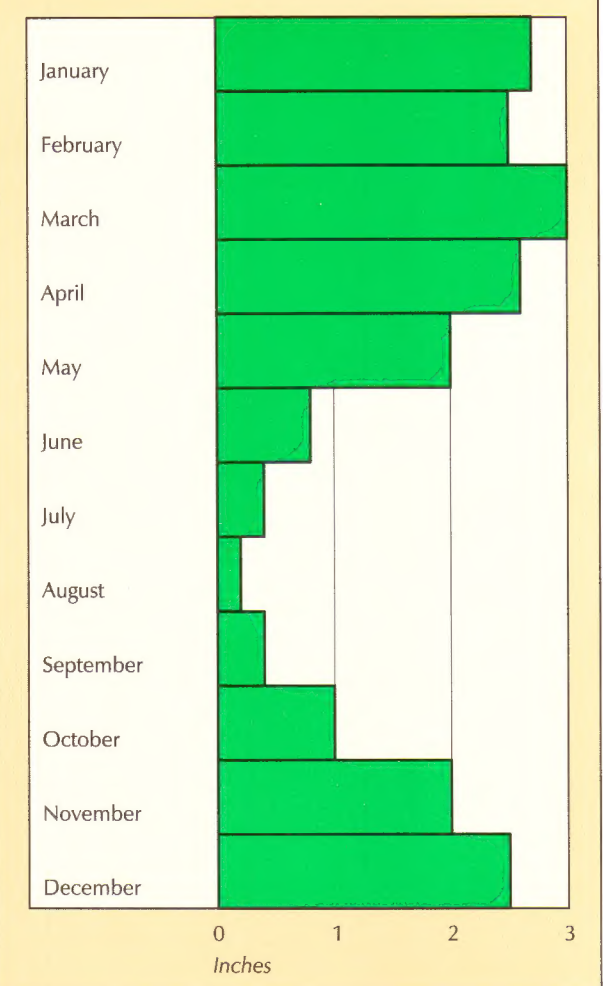


# The Kurdish Lands



Rainfall

Climatic Average of Monthly Precipitation in Kurdish Regions of Turkey, Iraq, and Iran

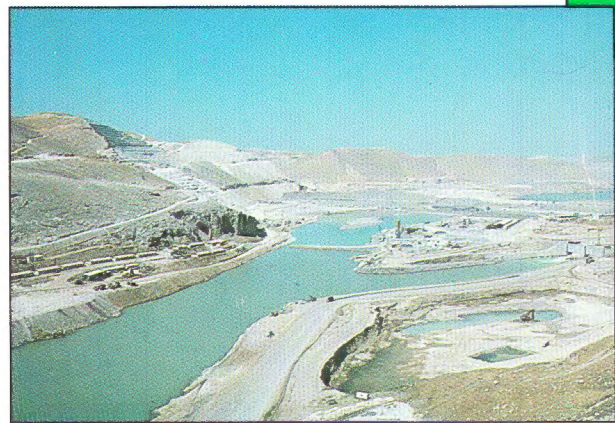


Terrain



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Terrain between Malatya and Sanliurfa is representative of Kurdish Turkey; high elevations are cold in the winter, but hot and dry in the summer.



2

Ataturk Baraji (dam) under construction in 1986.



3

Flat terrain between Gaziantep and Sanliurfa on the road to Diyarbakir, Turkey.



4

Scrub oak, typical of lower elevations in Kurdistan, provides edible acorns and wood for Kurdish inhabitants. Natural vegetation ranges from shortgrass and brushwood in the lower elevations and basins to scattered forests of scrub trees, conifers, and oaks in the mountains. The cutting of trees for fuel has reduced the size of forests over time.



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Flat to undulating plains that give way to foothills and mountains exemplify Kurdistan's terrain.

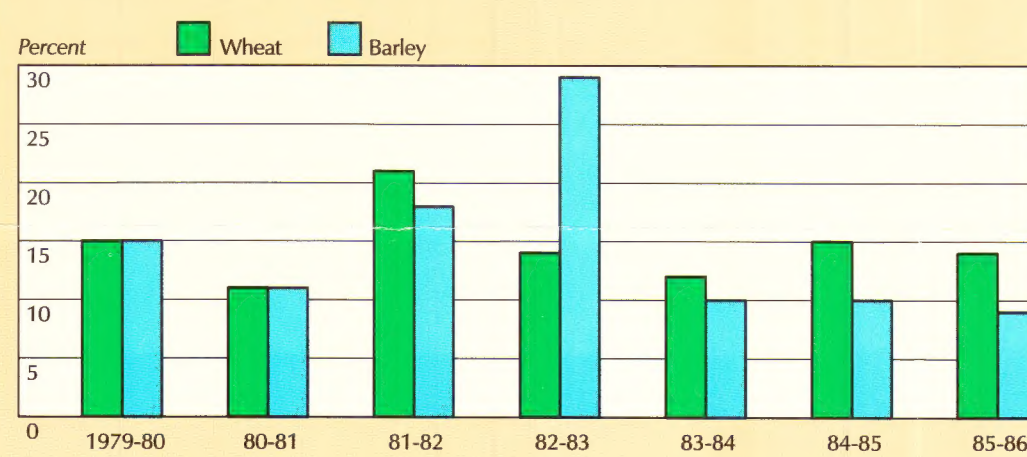
*If only there were harmony among us,  
If we were to obey a single one of us,  
He would reduce to vassalage  
Turks, Arabs, and Persians - all of them.  
We would perfect our religion, our State  
And would educate ourselves in learning and wisdom...*

From a 17th century Kurdish poet lamenting Kurdish divisiveness and longing for a Kurdish king.



Agriculture

Wheat and Barley Production in Kurdish Areas of Iran<sup>a</sup>

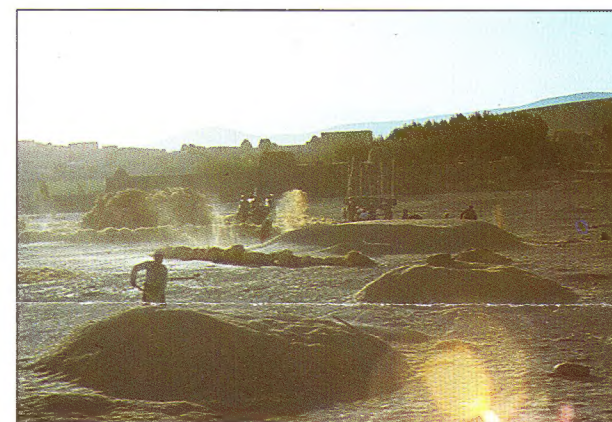


<sup>a</sup> Other agricultural information in this area unavailable.

Source: Iranian agricultural statistics.



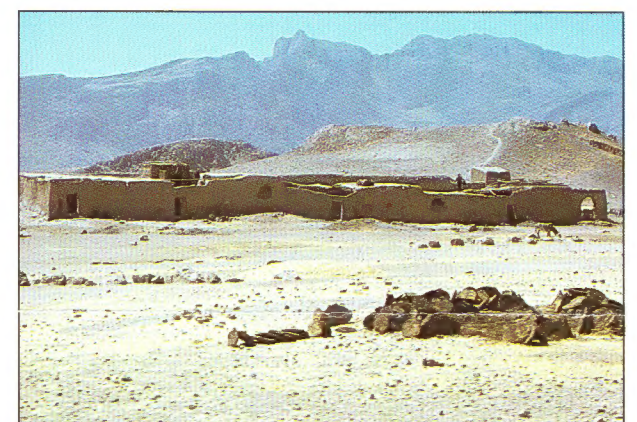
Scenes of Daily Life



Kurds use traditional methods to thresh wheat near Sanandaj, Iran.

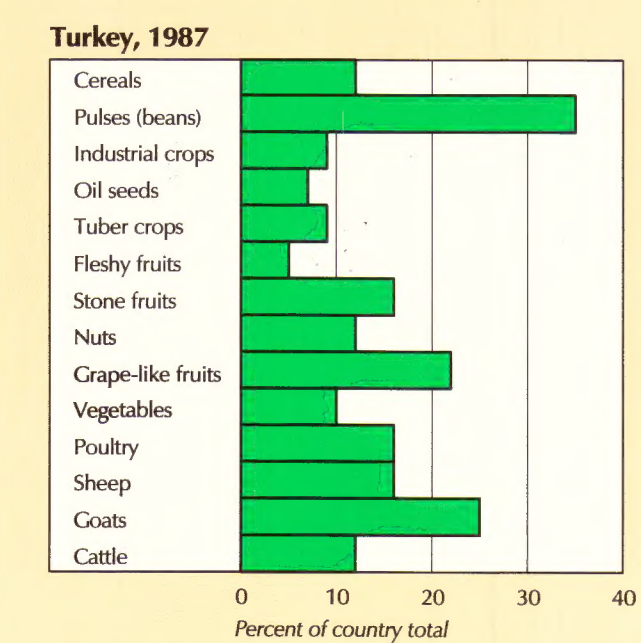


Kurdish couple displays typically colorful handmade carpet. Cottage industries, such as rugmaking, produce consumer items for resale by middlemen outside of the Kurdish areas.



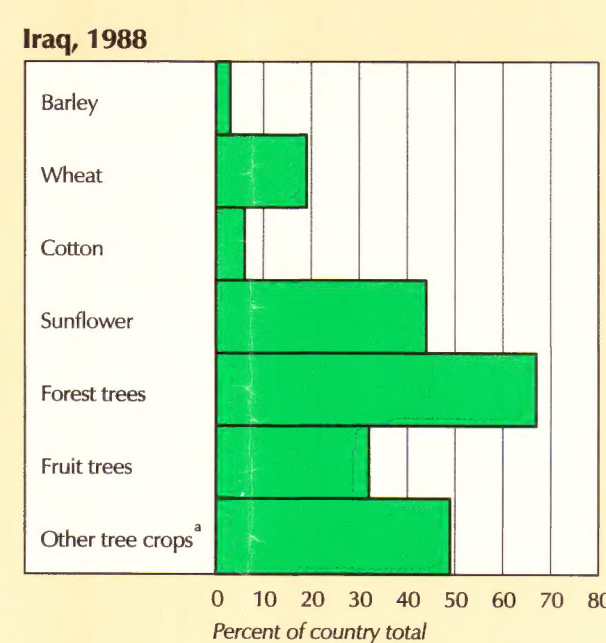
Villages, such as this one near Bakhtaran, occupy the rural regions of Turkey and Iran; similar ones in Iraq were razed by Baghdad.

Agriculture in Kurdish Areas



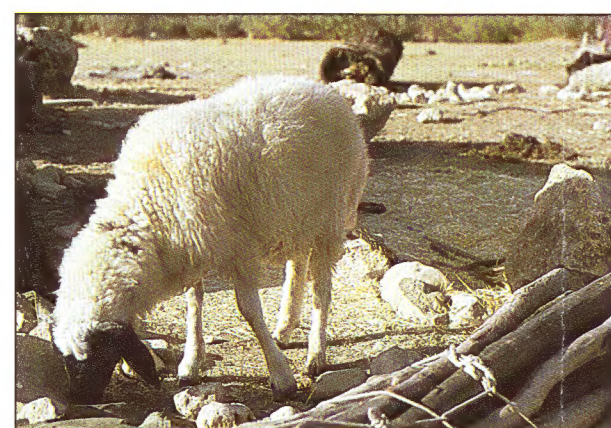
Note: Livestock is percent of animals slaughtered in national abattoirs.

Source: Turkish agricultural statistics.



<sup>a</sup> Includes vineyards.

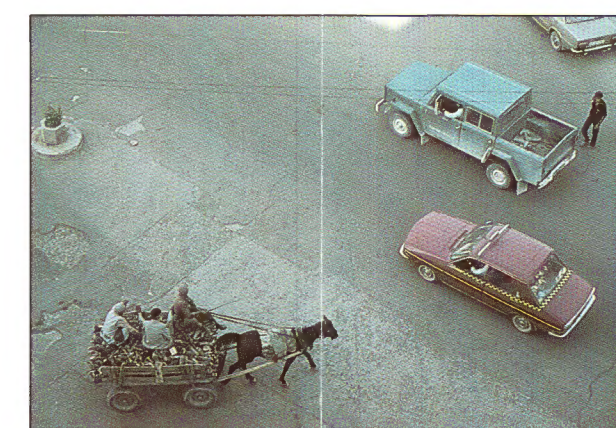
Source: Iraqi agricultural statistics.



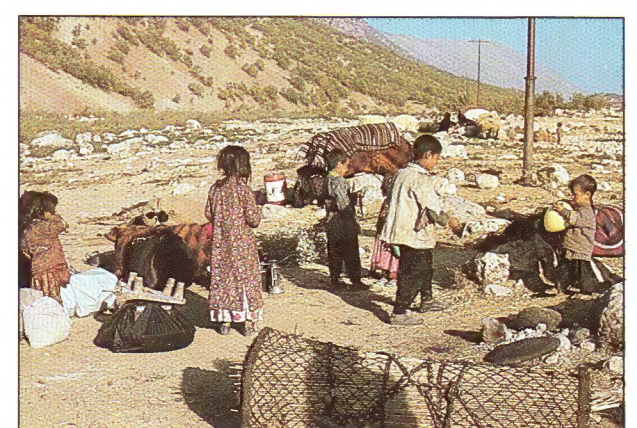
Fat-tailed sheep. These and goats provide Kurds with milk, cheese, meat, and wool.



Diesel-driven pump in southern Turkey moves water from the Ataturk Baraji (reservoir) will eventually replace this type of system typical of the region.



A mule-driven cart laden with firewood competes for a spare lane with automobiles in Sanliurfa, Turkey.



Although predominantly settled, some Kurds in remote areas still maintain a nomadic lifestyle.



# Southeastern Iraq

